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**CONNECTICUT MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT  
TO CONSPIRING TO BRIBE ROCKLAND COUNTY TOWN SUPERVISOR**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ONESTA SQUILLA, a/k/a "Ernest Squilla," pled guilty yesterday to charges related to his efforts to bribe the Supervisor of the Town of Stony Point in Rockland County in an effort to obtain approvals for a compost facility and a waste transfer station in the Town. SQUILLA, 76, of New Milford, Connecticut, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge LISA MARGARET SMITH in federal district court in White Plains, New York.

SQUILLA pled guilty to an Indictment charging that he and others conspired during the summer and fall of 2002 to bribe Steven Hurley, who was then the Supervisor of the Town of Stony Point, and to commit mail and wire fraud which would deprive the citizens of Stony Point of the honest services of their supervisor. He also pled guilty to the remaining three counts of the Indictment, which charged him with the substantive offenses of bribing a local official and committing mail and wire fraud.

All of the charges related to efforts to pay the Supervisor for his help in connection with applications to the Town of Stony Point to use a parcel of land as a compost facility and waste transfer station.

SQUILLA faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of 55 years. Sentencing is scheduled for July 15, 2004, before United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON in White Plains.

Mr. KELLEY noted that SQUILLA plead guilty to an Indictment that was the product of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Rockland County District Attorney's Office, and praised the efforts of both agencies.

Assistant United States Attorneys STEPHEN J. RITCHIN and JONATHAN LEIKEN are in charge of the prosecution.

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